

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

On page 2 of the Office Action, it was noted that claim 4 would define over Hashiguchi et al. and all other of record if the language suggested by the Examiner is added.

In reply thereto, applicant amended claim 4 to add the language in the reply of 09/03/03.

In the Advisory Action, claim 4 was objected.

In reply thereto, applicant has amended claim 4 in independent form including the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is believed that claim 4 is now in condition for allowance.

The numbers of total claims and independent claims after this amendment are nine and four. Accordingly, the fee for independent claims in excess of three is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully holds the right to make appeal to the rejected claims 1-3.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered and claim 4 allowed.

Respectfully submitted,


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